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Inmate Death at FCI Memphis

Washington, DC: On Wednesday, December 2, 2020, inmate Larry Lanell Bennett tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee. On Saturday, December 12, 2020, Mr. Bennett was transported to a local hospital due to shortness of breath, high heart rate, high blood pressure, and low oxygen levels. On Wednesday, December 16, 2020, his condition worsened and he was placed on a ventilator. On Saturday, December 19, 2020, Mr. Bennett was pronounced deceased by hospital medical staff.

Mr. Bennett was a 49-year-old male sentenced in the Eastern District of Missouri to a 262-month sentence for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Crack Cocaine and Cocaine Base. He had been in custody at FCI Memphis since January 7, 2009.

FCI Memphis is a medium security facility that currently houses 966 male offenders.

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